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MEMORANDUM FOR THE RECORD

SUBJECT: HANES, Arthur J.
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1. On 10 October 1968, Mr. William McGrew, Security Officer, Special Operations Division, advised that Martin Walden, a New York Times reporter, is presently drafting an article concerning the Subject. The thrust of the article discloses the use of Hanes by the Agency in connection with the recruitment of pilots during the Cuban situation. The Subject, a former Special Agent of the FBI, was employed by the Hayes Aircraft Corporation, Birmingham, Alabama as a contract administrator from August 1951 to November 1961. He was subsequently elected Mayor of Birmingham and is presently representing the prime suspect in the murder of Martin Luther King -- James Earl Ray.

2. From May 1952 through February 1959, Hanes served as a Confidential Correspondent with this Office. He resigned due to the pressure of his regular employment.

3. The Office of General Counsel received a covert security clearance on 14 August 1961 to utilize the Subject as a member of their Cleared Attornies Panel.

4. It is believed that Hanes was instrumental in recruiting several Alabama National Guard pilots during the Bay of Pigs incident. Several lost their lives during this period.

5. The above information was furnished by Mr. Thomas McDowell, who has been utilized by both SOD and OGC in matters concerning the Birmingham widows. It is Mr. McDowell's opinion that the Walden article will undoubtedly be printed.

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6. There is no current Agency interest in Mr. Hanes.

James P. O'Connell
Deputy Director of Security (PTOS)